

If you're a person who's always careful to make sure your couture is haute, you may be aware that fashion critic Mr. Blackwell passed away recently. In his honor, here are some government sites devoted to fashion and the fashion industry:

Fashion Designers (Occupational Outlook Handbook - Dept. of Labor)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos291.htm>

Textile, Textile Product, and Apparel Manufacturing (Career Guide to Industries - Dept. of Labor)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs015.htm>

Apparel Manufacturing Data Tables (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

<http://www.bea.gov/regional/definitions/nextpage.cfm?key=Apparel%20manufacturing>

Protection of Fashion Design (U.S. Copyright Office)

<http://www.copyright.gov/docs/regstat072706.html>

International Trade Administration - Office of Textiles and Apparel

<http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/>

Fashion Magazines and Pattern Books (American Memory - Library of Congress)

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml/awgc1/fashion_magazines.html

Clothing and Accessories (Smithsonian - National Museum of American History)

http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/collections/subject_detail.cfm?key=32&colkey=8

And, of course, some government employees make their own fashion statements:

Letter Carrier Uniforms (U.S. Postal Service)

<http://www.usps.com/postalhistory/clothing.htm>

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